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### **APPROVAL PROCESS FOR H1N1 INFLUENZA TESTING AT THE HEALTH LABORATORY FOR OUTPATIENT PREGNANT WOMEN WITH INFLUENZA LIKE ILLNESS (ILI)**

1. Physician consultation for prenatal care providers:  
Specific advice for providers regarding the need for testing or treatment of H1N1 in pregnant women can be accessed by calling Women and Infants' Hospital of Rhode Island (401-274-1100) and asking to have the Maternal Fetal Medicine physician on call paged. This expert physician consultation will be able to provide guidance regarding antiviral treatment and facilitate influenza PCR testing.
2. If laboratory testing is approved by W&I, the healthcare provider must complete the form below and submit it with the patient's specimen and the laboratory requisition slip.
3. Specimen collection, storage and transport instructions are available on the HEALTH website at:  
<http://www.health.ri.gov/news/H1N1Advisories/SpecimenCollectionInstructionsForH1N1InfluenzaTesting.pdf>
4. Specimens will not be tested at the HEALTH Laboratory unless accompanied by a completed HEALTH Laboratory requisition and the form below. Please keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

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#### **Outpatient H1N1 Influenza Testing Approval for Pregnant Woman with ILI**

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

Patient name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Ordering medical provider: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST

RI Medical license number: \_\_\_\_\_

Women & Infants consultation date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Testing approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF W&I PHYSICIAN PROVIDING CONSULTATION & APPROVAL